

29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

## **Years 7, 8 & 9 Educational Visits and Activity Days: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

During Activities Week there will be a range of residential and non-residential visits: the school strongly promotes the personal and social educational value of these visits. A brief outline of the programme is attached to this letter along with a form for your child's choices. Please complete the form and return to school by **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – pupils must return their form to their tutor.**

From the information that you provide, we will be able to assess whether an activity is viable. This will depend on sufficient numbers choosing it, as a minimum number will be needed for a visit to take place. A number of the residential visits are often over-subscribed and places cannot always be guaranteed. For the day activities, you need to select both the activity and the day: this will allow pupils to choose activities within their friendship groups. However, we will still require sufficient numbers to make the trips viable and, whilst every effort will be made to adhere to these choices, we cannot guarantee them.

Once activities have been decided, we will confirm your child's place/s and ask for a deposit if the placement is on a residential trip. Please see individual trips for amounts required. I must stress that deposits are non-refundable and non-transferrable and the first deposit must be paid by **2.30pm on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Final payments for all activities must be made by 2.30pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019.** If a pupil is prevented from doing an activity for financial reasons, it may be possible to apply, in confidence, for financial assistance to the **Uffculme School Trust. Application forms can be obtained from the Finance Office and must be completed and returned by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

The educational visits will include activities for over 600 pupils and it is a complex administrative task to manage the choices. When possible, visits will be arranged by year group so pupils remain mostly in peer groups, but it will not always be possible for pupils to be in friendship groups for all visits. Please consider carefully your choices when you complete the form, as it may not be possible to change visits later. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

### **Deposits and Payments**

Please note that all the residential and day trips will be set up on ParentPay as "decreasing balances". As such, payments **do not need to be paid in one lump sum** but can be made daily, weekly or monthly, enabling you to budget for the trips. Please enter the amount you wish to pay in the "amounts" field. If you do not use ParentPay you can still make these payments through the Finance Office by cheque or cash.

As stated above, all deposits must be received by 2.30pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to ensure your child is accepted onto the relevant trip and all trips must be paid for by the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019. **Unfortunately, if your deposit is not received by the due date your child's place on the trip will be withdrawn.**

If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium and your child chooses a residential trip, your Activity Week allowance **CANNOT** be used for your deposit payment. Your allowance will be allocated to the trip once your deposit has been received.

Please note that the deposit requirement for the residential visits is not from the School but is stipulated by the Travel Company(ies) that administer the trips.

We would also advise that the day trips now have to be paid for by the school in advance and the venues do not give refunds for non-attendance on the day. Please note, therefore, that if your child is not able to go on their trip we will not be able to give you a refund.

Yours faithfully,



**John M Roberts**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

## YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 VISITS AND ACTIVITIES Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### RESIDENTIAL VISITS DETAILS

#### ALL YEARS

**LONDON THEATRE - YEARS 7, 8 and 9: WICKED and THORPE PARK - 2 day visit (Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July) – COST £195.00 – 80 places available**

Arrive in London; guided sightseeing tour with opportunities to take photographs of some of London's famous sights and landmarks

Time in the Natural History Museum.

Early evening meal before going to watch a performance of the musical Wicked in the West End.

One night bed and breakfast accommodation in the Premier Inn, Kew Bridge.

After a cooked breakfast collect your packed lunch before leaving for Thorpe Park after which we come home

**NOTE: You will also need to choose activities for two further days (Monday & Tuesday).**

**Deposit: £100.00 by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

#### YEAR 7

**CYCLING IN NORMANDY – YEAR 7 PUPILS ONLY – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – COST £185.00 – 100 places available**

Once again we are running this amazing cycling trip to Cherbourg! Why not join us this year?

#### **Pre-trip activities:**

Two *free* after school training sessions to help boost cycling ability and to allow pupils to experience cycling the French way!

In June, we hold a practice camp, in a local field, *which is included in the cost!* This consists of: cycling to and from camp; putting up tents and putting them away; a swim in the river; an evening BBQ and a cooked breakfast. This great opportunity is provided to enable you to get to know your fellow camp mates and cycle leaders.

#### **In France:**

A ferry ride transports us to France where we camp for 4 nights in a lovely campsite adjacent to a picturesque beach.

During the stay in France, we will: spend a day exploring the French countryside on our bikes; cycle to and swim in the local indoor swimming pool; cycle into Cherbourg to explore the shops; cycle to a neighbouring beach for a sandcastle competition and spend time in and around camp taking part in the Boules competition, talent competition, rock pooling, beach football, beach volleyball and having a swim in the sea! There is so much to enjoy!

Every day we will get to eat delicious, locally baked croissants, pain au chocolate and baguettes for breakfast. On one evening, pupils will get to test out their culinary skills by cooking their own BBQ and on another evening, they will even have the chance to sample traditional French cuisine including snails and frogs legs (not compulsory!).

**Requirements:**

Pupils need a large-wheeled cycle in good condition as the bikes are their mode of transport whilst in France. Shoppers, BMX and stunt cycles are not suitable.

Tents and sleeping bags need to be provided. These will be carried in the support van.

**Deposit: £100.00 by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**YEAR 8**

**BEACH CAMP IN NORTH DEVON – YEAR 8 PUPILS ONLY – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – COST £175.00 – 60 places available. You will need to pick an activity for Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July.**

***This is an adventurous activity for students who like to challenge themselves.*** Beach Camp will be based at a campsite in North Devon and involve three days of activities. These activities will include:

1. Surfing including full instruction.
2. Quad Biking including full instruction.
3. Paintballing.
4. A choice of either cycling or coasteering.

Included in the price of £175 are all activities, all food and transport. Students would need their own shared tent.

**Deposit: £100 by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

## **YEARS 8 & 9**

**DEVON COAST TO COAST CYCLE – YEARS 8 and 9 ONLY – COST £120.00 - 20 places available**

4 days and 3 nights cycling from Ilfracombe to Plymouth.

Campsites in Northam, Sourton & Tavistock – students to provide own tents.

Various other activities. **For further information see Mr Bertram.**

***If oversubscribed priority will be given to Year 9 then 8.***

**Deposit: £60.00 by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

## **YEAR 9**

**WATER SPORTS IN CORNWALL – YEAR 9 ONLY – Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July  
COST £175.00 – 28 places available**

Staying in Elmscott Hostel taking part in a variety of water sport activities organised by a specialist centre in Bude. **For further information see Miss Dunnett**

**NOTE: You will need to pick an activity for Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Deposit: £100.00 by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**